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LATE
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For the County of Middlesex;
more especially for the Cities of
LONDON and WESTMINSTER.

Published to the world for the satisfacti-
on of all good people against the falshood of
the Rebels, who impudently call this
Commission a *horrid Plot*, and *hor-
rible Treason*.

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CHARLES By the Grace of God, &c.
To Our Trusty and Welbeloved
A. B. &c. and to all such other per-
son and persons, as according to the
true intent and purpose of these pre-
sents, shall be nominated and appointed to be Ge-
nerall, Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, Sergeants
Majors, and other Officers of Our Councell of
Warre, Greeting.

Whereas in Our Citie of *London* and *Westminster*,
and Suburbs thereof, our Burrough of *Southwarke*,
and County of *Middlesex*, there are raised and con-
tinued great numbers of Military Forces, both Horse
and Foot, who under the command of *Robert Earle*
of *Essex* as their Generall, and under the conduct of
divers others, pretending to derive their Authority
from the two Houses of Parliament, have trayte-
rously,

rously levied Warre and rebelled against Vs their
 naturall Leige Lord ; and many of Our Subjects
 have beene seduced by false informations , by the
 practice of a few , who have been the Contrivers of
 these mischievous plots , and have joyned with
 them , either in person , or by aiding them with Men ,
 Money , Horses , or other things , and many of Our
 good and loyall Subjects over-awed by the power
 of the Rebels , have beene inforced to contribute to
 them for the maintenance of this unnaturall Warre ,
 and others refusing have beene plundered and rob-
 bed of their estates , and some committed to severall
 Prisons , and there barbarously used , contrary to the
 liberty of free-borne men , the Lawes of the Land ,
 and contrary to all humanity ; of all which injuries
 and calamities falling upon Our good Subjects We
 are very sensible , and are desirous to give reliefe to
 Our good Subjects by all the best meanes we can ,
 and to resist the violence and insolency of these Re-
 bels and their adherents ; We having no other end
 therein , but to preserve the true Protestant Religion
 in the purity and integrity thereof , to maintaine the
 Lawes of the Land , and the liberty of their persons ,
 and property of the estates of Our Subjects , and the
 just Priviledges of Parliament. We have thought it
 fit for Our better service to settle a Councell of War
 in or about Our said Citie of *London* , which may
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take these things into their sad considerations, which may conduce best to this end, and to have such Commanders and Officers settled in the place a-fore-said, which may both raise, governe, and lead such Forces as may be raised there. Know yee therefore, that We reposing speciall trust and confidence in your fidelities, industries, and good discretions, have made choice of, nominated and appointed you to be Our Councell of Warre for the said Citie of *London* and *Westminster*, and Suburbs thereof, Our said County of *Middlesex*, and Burrough of *Southwarke*; and doe hereby give and grant Power and Authority to you, or any foure of you, to make choice of such other able and discreet persons as you shall thinke fit, and nominate under the hands and Seales of the greater number of you, which with your selves shall make up in all the number of 21. and no more: and We doe give and grant unto you, or any foure of you, Power and Authority, at such times and such places as you shall thinke convenient, to assemble and meet together, and there to consult, advise, and resolve of all such things, and of such wayes and meanes, as you, or any foure of you shall thinke fittest, for the raising of Forces, both Horse and Foot, either of the Inhabitants of the said Cities, County, and Burrough, or of any the adja-

cent Counties or other place, who will voluntarily
 affociate themselves to that purpose; and those For-
 ces to arme, muster, conduct, order, leade, and go-
 vern in the places afore-said, or in any other County
 adjacent, or elsewhere, in such manner as yee by
 your selves, or by such other able and fit persons as
 you or any foure of you shall to that purpose ap-
 point, according to these presents. And the better
 to effect this Our service, We doe further give and
 grant unto you, or any foure of you, Power and
 Authority under your hands and Seales, to make
 choyce of, and appoint such a fit person as you shall
 thinke meet, to be Captaine Generall of all those
 Forces thus to be raised, and such other persons as
 you or any foure of you shall in like manner make
 choice of, and appoint to be Colonels, Lieutenant
 Colonels, and Sergeant Majors over those Forces in
 such manner, and in such places as yee shall so ap-
 point; who by vertue thereof, and by vertue of
 these presents, shall have Power and Authority to
 doe, execute, and performe all those things, which
 to these severall Offices and Imployments according
 to the Law Marshall doe belong. And We doe fur-
 ther promise and grant, that with all convenient
 speed after we shall have notice from you, or any
 foure of you, under your hands or Seales, of your
 nomina-

nomination of any persons to those severall places, We shall grant and confirme unto them and every of them respectively those severall places to which you have so nominated them as afore-said, under Our Great Seale of *England*, or otherwise as shall be reasonably advised and required of Vs. And Wee do further by these presents give and grant unto you full Power and Authority by all such good wayes and meanes as you or any foure of you shall under your hands agree upon, to raise money for the clothing, arming, furnishing, and paying of all such Souldiers, as shall be thus raised, and for the providing of all Ammunition and other necessities for the Warre; all which money upon a just account We do for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, promise, grant, and agree well and truly to repay, so soone as we shall be enabled thereunto: and in the meane time to secure the same to those who for our service, and by your mediation and industry shall lend or disburse the same. And We do further by these presents grant, that such Generall, Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and other Officers so by you nominated as afore-said, shall have full Power and Authority by virtue of these presents, to leade and order the Souldiers severally under their charge, and with them to fight against Our Enemies and Rebels, and them

to slay and destroy; or them to save according to the Law Martiall, or course of Warre: for the doing of all which this shall be to you and them and every of them a sufficient Warrant. Willing and requiring, &c.

This is a true Copie of the Commission it selfe, which His Majestie sent up to London, whereby all good people may perceive what bottomlesse slanders the Authors of this Rebellion raise to seduce His Majesties Subjects into perjury, by taking this new Oath and Covenant, which is expresly against the Law of God, and their Oath of Allegiance.

Feare God, obey the King.

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